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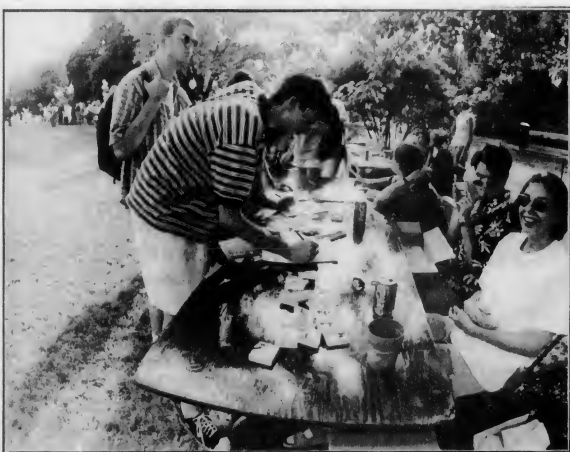


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### DIP/DUI

- On Aug 18, Billie Wayne Jent of Falmouth was arrested for DIP on Alvey Drive.
- On Aug 25, Murad Ali Khan, a non resident, was arrested for DIP at Marshall Drive.
- On Aug 25, Patrick Shipp a sophomore was arrested for DIP at Marshall Drive.
- On Aug 26, Todd M. Savage was arrested for underage possession of alcohol in front of George Washington Hall.
- On Aug 28, John Andrew Fraiser of Manassas was arrested for DIP after a student in Jefferson Hall reported an unknown naked man in their room. Fraiser is banned from campus.

### MISC

- On Aug 14, there was a fire alarm in Mason hall. Cause suspected to be insects.
- On Aug 17, Mason Hall received some annoying phone calls. Thus there are no suspects.

- On Aug 18, there was a fire alarm in Randolph Hall. Police could find no cause.
- On Aug 19, obscene phone calls were made to the Multicultural Center. The police have no suspects.
- On Aug 23, Richard Daniel Brittain of Stafford was arrested for possession of marijuana at the corner of College Avenue and Brent Street.
- On Aug 24, Stephen Mullen Long, Jr. of Quicksburg was arrested for possession of marijuana and underage possession of alcohol near Combs Hall and Double Drive.
- On Aug 24, Robert Dean Carpenter of Fredericksburg was arrested for possession of marijuana at the corner of College Avenue and Rose Street.

### ILLNESS/INJURY

- On Aug 24, a student fell and twisted her ankle in front of the Campus Center. She was taken to the hospital for treatment.
- On Aug 26, a student in Alvey Hall had difficulty breathing due to an asthma attack. The student was taken to the ER by the rescue squad.
- On Aug 27, a student in Brent Hall slipped and ripped a toenail on his foot.

The injury caused him to pass out and he then hit his head on a desk. The student refused medical attention.

### VANDALISM

- On Aug 27, some fire doors in Randolph Hall were taken off of their hinges by two students. The police confronted the students who later fixed the doors. No criminal charges were made. Administrative charges pending.
- On Sept 1, the window of a car parked at College Avenue and Buckner Street was broken. The cost of the damages is \$50.
- On Sept 3, the flowers in front of Mercer Hall were run rooted. According to landscaping officials the cost of replanting the existing plant will cost \$100 and the cost of replacing the plant will cost \$500.

### LARCENY

- On Aug 21, police received a report of telephone services that were used illegally in Jefferson Hall from February 23- May 14. The amount stolen was over \$2000. The situation is under investigation.

- On Aug 21, police received a report of telephone services that were used illegally in Russell Hall from May. Charges amounted to \$998.00. The situation is under investigation.
- On Aug 22, a check worth \$30 was lost somewhere on the field in front of Westmoreland Hall.
- On Aug 23, a Mead 5-star organizer was allegedly stolen from the Great Hall. The item is worth \$25.
- On Aug 24, two computers and a printer were reported stolen from Willard Hall. The thefts occurred between July 26 and Aug 7. The equipment is worth \$2858. The situation is still under investigation.

- On Aug 24, a banner which read "Fredericksburg welcomes MWC students," was stolen from the corner of College Avenue and William Street. The banner is worth \$260.
- On Aug 26, a vacuum cleaner was taken from Dupont Hall. The item is worth \$175.
- On Sept 2, a wallet was lost or stolen at Seacobeck Hall. The wallet and its contents are valued at \$80.

## \*\*News Briefs\*\*

### CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

- September 15-October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month at Mary Washington College.
- On Sunday, September 8 an International Festival will be held at St. William of York Church. For more information, call 659-1102.
- On September 10 the Honor Council and Judicial Review Board will hold elections from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Woodard Campus Center. Workshops for the positions will be held September 1-2 at 8 p.m. on the fourth floor of Lee Hall. Nominations were held on September 3. All nominees must attend one of the workshops.
- The Mary Washington College Department of

Historic Preservation and Center for Historic Preservation will present a slide-lecture series, "Sabbatical on the Nile" with lecturer W. Brown Morton III, held at 7 p.m. in Monroe Hall, Room 104

On Wednesday, September 11, the lecture *Glimpses of Egypt*.

On Wednesday, September 18, *Glimpses of Greco/Roman Egypt*. On Wednesday, September 25, *Glimpses of Islamic Egypt*.

Winners of New Student Welcome contest sponsored by The Packaging Store were: Kate Amey, Jason Fanning, Angela Zosel, Nick Bendurant, Mary Reiseron, Stacey Ladd, Emily Wilkinson, Meredith Myers. Winners should claim their prize at 2023 Plank Road in the Westwood Shopping Center, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. or Saturday from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.



**Ms. Frances Armstrong, assistant to the Mary Washington College historian and 1936 alumnus, fondly remembers life at Mary Washington while Ms. Bushnell was Dean of Women.**

**"If you lived on campus, all male visitors had to be properly groomed with a coat and tie. He'd better be properly groomed with a coat and tie or he'd be in deep trouble," according to Armstrong. She added that any off-campus trip (although they were extremely rare) had to be approved by Ms. Bushnell. "She was a very exact person and concerned with raising her girls as Southern ladies," said Armstrong.**

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Self-Determination is not a policy of new regulations. It is a regrouping of ideals and responsibilities that the administration wants to place a renewed emphasis on.

Moss, an RA in Jefferson Hall, said, "This hasn't been some great big reform thing. It's all the same on paper, it's just that the ideas are being emphasized differently. I think that the Self-Determination policy can make a difference. They've done a good job encouraging community and getting people more involved."

Chirico explained that he has new goals for the staff working under the plan.

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for upper-class students, elimination of the hall-wide cumulative 2.0 GPA requirement for visitation, and required signing of the Resident Bill of Rights by all students.

According to Surita, the Resident Bill of Rights includes nine statements on how you are going to treat your roommate, community members, and hall-mates with dignity and respect.

Signing the roommate agreement form is mandatory for all first-year students and optional for upper class students.

Resident Assistant Polly Beauchamp plans to hold individual conferences with her first-year residents.

"We had [the residents] do a roommate lifestyle exercise with questions like 'What am I looking for in a roommate,' 'what are my expectations.' We did that early to get them acquainted with each other the first week, and now I'll sit down and get more specific and draw guidelines for the room. Hopefully they'll be assertive and say what's on

their mind," Beauchamp said.

This assertion of personal rights is what Chirico and Surita are hoping to achieve with the policy.

"My hope is that we're going to see those folks that are less likely to speak up sticking up for themselves, and find that their voice will be heard. [I'm hoping to see] more involvement across the campus, and we're starting on the very first level, which is in their room," said Chirico.

Administrators are optimistic about Self-Determination developing into a way of life on the campus, but realize that the plan will need adjustments.

"To a large extent we've got an experiment with 2,000 to 3,000 people involved and everybody's going to try and figure out how it fits for them. We'll find some things that are going to change for the better, and that's what we're hoping for," said Chirico.

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Part of the problem in capturing "The Stalker" is that he strikes sleeping women in the early morning hours, thus no positive identification can be made.

"We have had suspects and lineups, but no definitives have come from these," said Shelhorse.

"The majority of the descriptions of this guy have been white male in his 20's, average height, 5'10" to

6' with an average to thin build," said Shelhorse.

He also pointed out that the stalker might be more than one person.

"Sometimes a small black car is involved or a bicycle but the majority of the time there is no vehicle," according to Shelhorse.

Three incidents on the Mary Washington College campus have been attributed to this man.

"We have had no break-ins, nobody's been attacked, but there are

similarities that have been noted. His method of operation is the same. His description is similar and the time frame is the same," said Mary Washington Police Chief Greg Perry.

On Nov. 27 of last year, a man in only boxer shorts was spotted behind South Hall who matched the description of the prowler, according to the Jan. 25 edition of *The Bulletin*.

The prowler, if caught, will face charges of indecent exposure and suspicious behavior on campus, in

combination with breaking and entering in the city.

Fredericksburg police have investigated the possibilities that this is someone going in and out of jail or a college student.

"His attacks ran in spurts. Two or three reports a night and then a week would go by. We would have lulls of 30-60 days," said Shelhorse.

Psychology professor Chris Kilmartin says the habits of sex criminals are unpredictable and

subject to change.

"It's hard to say what this guy will do. Many sex offenders, that's all they'll do is expose themselves and run away. They are afraid of women. But, some exhibitionists do escalate to more violence. People will do well to protect themselves," Kilmartin said.

Shelhorse reiterated that the perpetrator is taking advantage of college student's relaxed safety measures.

Everyone should be aware that these things do happen. People should take the normal precautions of locking doors and windows, especially at night," Shelhorse said. "Don't ever hesitate to call the police."

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The players are anticipating a larger crowd at tryouts this year, as well as the return of a couple of players who said they would not return if Davies were still coaching.

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Mike Privett will not be at tryouts this season for reasons unconnected to Davies' departure.

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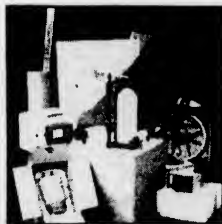
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Fredericksburg is a town with an inherent identity crisis anyway. During the Civil War it was halfway between the Union capital of Washington and the Confederate capital of Richmond, and today it is in a similarly precarious position, in the gap between the tourists of Northern Virginia and what becomes the real South to the south and west of us. The "burg just doesn't know what it is. We have a varied group of people living here who are torn between going in Northern Virginia and being a

tourist or going southwest and being a hick. The middle ground is very confusing at times.

Returning to my point, it is certainly not a college town per se, like, say a College Park or a Harrisonburg, or what have you. This is rarely more evident when you consider the situa-

selves in trouble just by being there. Our youth and energy is a threat to some people from other generations, and there are some times that I think we just plain frighten them as they try and maintain their average existences. That's why the police always show up, even if we're not causing any harm.

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Nobody lives in the Manor anymore. Nobody lives in the white house at Pitt and Charles. Home really ought to be a comfortable place, but very often it just seems as though we've got to think about everything we do and tread very lightly when we don't want to.

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So what are we supposed to do? Just live our lives, I suppose, and just keep being ourselves. And if the cop's name is Breedren, let him be a tough guy and don't say anything back. That is all. There's still plenty of fun to be had around here if you go to the right places. But in Fredericksburg, Virginia, it's not going to seek you out.

## Students Vote on Grading System

By Dave Wrubel  
Academic Affairs Chair of SGA

At the September fourth faculty meeting, the topic of adopting a plus-minus grading system was once again brought up for discussion. This is not a new concept at Mary Washington, for this is the second time in five years that such an idea has arisen. The faculty, however, have graciously given the students a chance to voice their opinions on this sensitive issue, and have delayed their final vote until October 2nd. It appears that many professors are eager to hear the input of the student body and will consider it when they vote.

Therefore, it is entirely possible that we have a significant part in determining the standards by which we are to be judged at MWC. Do we wish to continue to be graded on a straight scale of A through F, or do we want to incorporate A-, B+, B-, C+, C-, and D+ into our system? On Wednesday, September 11th, all students will have the option of

voting in Senate elections. Accompanying that ballot will be a simple, one question poll relating to this issue. Please take the time to register your opinion, for the final decision about plus-minus grading could affect you whether or not you choose to answer.

On the back of the ballot will be space to leave comments. Many faculty are curious about the reasons for students' opinions and want to know the reasons for his or her belief. Please try to think about the effects it would have on every student at MWC.

Should the faculty approve this new system, many questions will need to be addressed before it can be implemented. Will students currently enrolled at MWC be affected? It might be that it will only apply to next year's first-year students and everyone who follows. On the other hand, it could be that beginning in the fall of 1997 everyone will be graded on this new system. It is best that we do not take our chances and ignore the issue, rather, it is our duty to make an educated decision for future MWC students.

## Letters to the Editor

Drop/Add Period Creates Controversy for Students

The beginning of each semester is always full of many stressful events and anticipations of what is to come. For the student at Mary Washington College, this problem is severely worsened by the arcane system that students must engage in to add or drop classes. We all know that MWC is currently taking steps to catch up with other more modern universities. I have even heard a rumor that by the fall of 1998 we will have computerized registration. However, this does not solve the problem of the past fall registration

and the upcoming spring registration period. I can accept that it will take a little time to update the "traditional" registration methods in use, but why aren't measures being taken to make this process run more smoothly? Why, when people who arrived at 7:30 to get in line, did they end up being behind people who arrived at 10:30. While I was in line, my temper, as well as the tempers of those around me flared. There was absolutely no order to which people were assembled into lines. Simple measures can be taken by the MWC administration to alleviate confusion.

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# Police Beat

By Chevonne Bray  
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## DIP/DUI

- On Aug 18, Billie Wayne Jent of Falmouth was arrested for DIP on Alvey Drive.
- On Aug 25, Murad Ali Khan, a non resident, was arrested for DIP at Marshall Drive.
- On Aug 25, Patrick Shipp a sophomore was arrested for DIP at Marshall Drive.
- On Aug 26, Todd M. Savage was arrested for underage possession of alcohol in front of George Washington Hall.
- On Aug 28, John Andrew Fraiser of Manassas was arrested for DIP after a student in Jefferson Hall reported an unknown naked man in their room. Fraiser is banned from campus.

## MISC

- On Aug 14, there was a fire alarm in Mason Hall. Cause suspected to be insects.
- On Aug 17, Mason Hall received some annoying phone calls. Thus there are no suspects.

On Aug 18, there was a fire alarm in Randolph Hall. Police could find no cause.

On Aug 19, obscene phone calls were made to the Multicultural Center. The police have no suspects.

On Aug 23, Richard Daniel Brittain of Stafford was arrested for possession of marijuana at the corner of College Avenue and Brent Street.

On Aug 24, Stephen Mullen Long, Jr. of Quicksburg was arrested for possession of marijuana and underage possession of alcohol near Combs Hall and Double Drive.

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## ILLNESS/INJURY

On Aug 24, a student fell and twisted her ankle in front of the Campus Center. She was taken to the hospital for treatment.

On Aug 26, a student in Alvey Hall had difficulty breathing due to an asthma attack. The student was taken to the ER by the rescue squad.

On Aug 27, a student in Brent Hall slipped and ripped a toenail on his foot.

The injury caused him to pass out and he then hit his head on a desk. The student refused medical attention.

## VANDALISM

On Aug 27, some fire doors in Randolph Hall were taken off of their hinges by two students. The police confronted the students who later fixed the doors. No criminal charges were made. Administrative charges pending.

On Sept 1, the window of a car parked at College Avenue and Buckner Street was broken. The cost of the damages is \$50.

On Sept 3, the flowers in front of Mercer Hall were up rooted. According to landscaping officials the cost of replanting the existing plant will cost \$100 and the cost of replacing the plant will cost \$500.

## LARCENY

On Aug 21, police received a report of telephone services that were used illegally in Jefferson Hall from February 23-. May 14. The amount stolen was over \$2000. The situation is under investigation.

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On Aug 22, a check worth \$30 was lost somewhere on the field in front of Westmoreland Hall.

On Aug 23, a Mead 5-star organizer was allegedly stolen from the Great Hall. The item is worth \$25.

On Aug 24, two computers and a printer were reported stolen from Willard Hall. The thefts occurred between July 26 and Aug 7. The equipment is worth \$2858. The situation is still under investigation.

On Aug 24, a banner which read "Fredericksburg welcomes MWC students," was stolen from the corner of College Avenue and William Street. The banner is worth \$260.

On Aug 26, a vacuum cleaner was taken from Dupont Hall. The item is worth \$175.

On Sept 2, a wallet was lost or stolen at Seacobeck Hall. The wallet and its contents are valued at \$80.

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### CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

September 15-October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month at Mary Washington College.

On Sunday, September 8 an International Festival will be held at St. William of York Church. For more information, call 659-1102.

On September 10 the Honor Council and Judicial Review Board will hold elections from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Woodard Campus Center. Workshops for the positions will be held September 1-2 at 8 p.m. on the fourth floor of Lee Hall. Nominations were held on September 3. All nominees must attend one of the workshops.

The Mary Washington College Department of

Historic Preservation and Center for Historic Preservation will present a slide-lecture series, "Sabbatical on the Nile" with lecturer W. Brown Morton III, held at 7 p.m. in Monroe Hall, Room 104

On Wednesday, September 11, the lecture *Glimpses of Egypt*.

On Wednesday, September 18, *Glimpses of Greco/Roman Egypt*. On Wednesday, September 25, *Glimpses of Islamic Egypt*.

Winners of New Student Welcome contest sponsored by The Packaging Store were: Kate Arney, Jason Fanning, Angela Zosel, Nick Bendurant, Mary Reiersen, Stacey Ladd, Emily Wilkinson, Meredith Myers. Winners should claim their prize at 2023 Plank Road in the Westwood Shopping Center, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. or Saturday from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.



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"If you lived on campus, all male visitors had to be properly groomed with a coat and tie. He'd better be properly groomed with a coat and tie or he'd be in deep trouble," according to Armstrong. She added that any off-campus trip (although they were extremely rare) had to be approved by Ms. Bushnell. "She was a very exact person and concerned with raising her girls as Southern ladies," said Armstrong.

## VISITATION, page

Washington," said Surita. Self-Determination is not a policy of new regulations. It is a regrouping of ideals and responsibilities that the administration wants to place a renewed emphasis on.

Moss, an RA in Jefferson Hall, said, "This hasn't been some great big reform thing. It's all the same on paper, it's just that the ideas are being emphasized differently. I think that the Self-Determination policy can make a difference. They've done a good job encouraging community and getting people more involved."

Chirico explained that he has new goals for the staff working under the plan.

"I want that the entire RA staff can truly mediate as opposed to just coming down with the hammer saying that this is the law," said Chirico.

The Self-Determination policy includes extended visitation hours

for upper-class students, elimination of the hall-wide cumulative 2.0 GPA requirement for visitation, and required signing of the Resident Bill of Rights by all students.

According to Surita, the Resident Bill of Rights includes nine statements on how you are going to treat your roommate, community members, and hall-mates with dignity and respect.

Signing the roommate agreement form is mandatory for all first-year students and optional for upper class students.

Resident Assistant Polly Beauchamp plans to hold individual conferences with her first-year residents.

"We had [the residents] do a roommate lifestyle exercise with questions like 'What am I looking for in a roommate,' 'what are my expectations.' We did that early to get them acquainted with each other the first week, and now I'll sit down and get more specific and draw guidelines for the room. Hopefully they'll be assertive and say what's on

their mind," Beauchamp said.

This assertion of personal rights is what Chirico and Surita are hoping to achieve with the policy.

"My hope is that we're going to see those folks that are less likely to speak up sticking up for themselves, and find that their voice will be heard. [I'm hoping to see] more involvement across the campus, and we're starting on the very first level, which is in their room," said Chirico.

Administrators are optimistic about Self-Determination developing into a way of life on the campus, but realize that the plan will need adjustments.

"To a large extent we've got an experiment with 2,000 to 3,000 people involved and everybody's going to try and figure out how it fits for them. We'll find some things that are going to change for the better, and that's what we're hoping for," said Chirico.

## PROWLER, page 1

Part of the problem in capturing "The Stalker" is that he strikes sleeping women in the early morning hours, thus no positive identification can be made.

"We have had suspects and lineups, but no definite have come from these," said Shelhorse.

"The majority of the descriptions of this guy have been white male in his 20's, average height, 5'10" to

6' with an average to thin build," said Shelhorse.

He also pointed out that the stalker might be more than one person.

"Sometimes a small black car is involved or a bicycle but the majority of the time there is no vehicle," according to Shelhorse.

Three incidents on the Mary Washington College campus have been attributed to this man.

"We have had no break-ins, nobody's been attacked, but there are

similarities that have been noted. His method of operation is the same. His description is similar and the time frame is the same," said Mary Washington Police Chief Greg Perry.

On Nov. 27 of last year, a man in only boxer shorts was spotted behind South Hall who matched the description of the prowler, according to the Jan. 25 edition of *The Bulletin*.

The prowler, if caught, will face charges of indecent exposure and suspicious behavior on campus, in

combination with breaking and entering in the city.

Fredericksburg police have investigated the possibilities that this is someone going in and out of jail or a college student.

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Psychology professor Chris Kilmarin says the habits of sex criminals are unpredictable and

subject to change.

"It's hard to say what this guy will do. Many sex offenders, that's all they'll do is expose themselves and run away. They are afraid of women. But, some exhibitionists do escalate to more violence. People will do well to protect themselves," Kilmarin said.

Shelhorse reiterated that the perpetrator is taking advantage of college student's relaxed safety measures.

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## COACH, page 1

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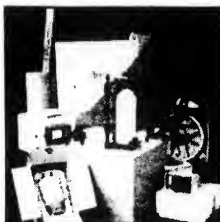
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I was never told how difficult it is to get accepted into the elementary education program. Not once did any academic advisor or professor in the education department inform me that grade point average is the only criteria for acceptance into the system. Teaching experience, ambition or the applicant's year (sophomore, junior, senior) carries little, if any weight in the board's decision to accept or reject an applicant.

I've always had a desire to teach elementary school. I've been an assistant teacher at a respected private school for two years and have done some substitute teaching there as well. I have taught Sunday school at my church for three years, and have been a counselor at a summer day camp for the past three summers. I feel I have enough experience with children to qualify for the education program. My desire to teach has certainly not waned, despite being turned down for the past three semesters.

Based upon my past experience, I have two suggestions for the administration of the education department.

First, I think it might be worthwhile for them to take into consideration all aspects of the student, not just their GPA. Experience with children and a burning desire to teach should account for something. A personal interview with the applicant (although time consuming) may prove to be helpful.

Secondly, if the department continues to go by their policy of accepting the applicants with the top 25 GPA's, students should be informed at the outset that the program is very difficult to get into and that GPA is the only thing that matters in the application process.



ministration to the students.

I know that in spite of this setback I will go on to get my teaching certification. I may not get it here, but I will achieve my goal regardless of the narrow admissions process at MWC. For the future students interested in Education at MWC, I recommend that they be better informed of the Education program's availability.

and year at Mary Washington College. I transferred here as a sophomore, in large part because I had heard that the education department is outstanding. I came here with the intent of graduating with an English degree and a license to teach elementary education.

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## College Students Not Welcomed in Fredericksburg

By Zak Billmeier  
Editor in Chief

Fredericksburg is not a college town. The college has simply landed on it, and in turn has given the 'burg an identity crisis. Sometimes I feel as though the town would carry on the status quo even if the college were to just disappear.

Fredericksburg is a town with an inherent identity crisis anyway. During the Civil War it was halfway between the Union capital of Washington and the Confederate capital of Richmond, and today it is in a similarly precarious position, in the gap between the tourists of Northern Virginia and what becomes the real South to the south and west of us. The 'burg just doesn't know what it is. We have a varied group of people living here who are torn between going to Northern Virginia and being a

tourist or going southwest and being a hick. The middle ground is very confusing at times.

Returning to my point, it is certainly not a college town per se, like, say a College Park or a Harrisonburg, or what have you. This is rarely more evident when you consider the situa-

tion of off-campus housing. Many colleges have designated apartment complexes solely for use by students, but here in F-

burg we are scattered about town like chicken feed. We live in real neighborhoods, next door to families and businesses, and not too often next door to other college students. Ergo, we get into trouble and establish a bad reputation for ourselves as we seek out a good time. We even get ourselves in trouble just by being there.

Our youth and energy is a threat to some people from other generations, and there are some times that I think we just plain frighten them as they try and maintain their average existences. That's why the police always show up, even if we're not causing any harm.

*'There's no real 'college place' to go in Fredericksburg.*

*There's no college bar, no college strip."*

Off-campus housing may also be in decline. It seems that more and more people get stuck living in Snowden or Belmont because downtown is simply out of room.

Nobody lives in the Manor anymore. Nobody lives in the white house at Pitt and Chalmers. Home really ought to be a comfortable place, but very often it just seems as though we've got to think about everything we do and read very lightly when we don't want to.

There's no real "college place" to go in Fredericksburg. There's no college bar, no college strip. A simple keg of beer costs us \$50 here for God's sake! College students pour money into this town at 7-11's, grocery stores, bars and Wal-Mart. There are a lot of people who would not exist in this town if it weren't for Mary Washington students, and not all of them realize it. Not to say that we are not appreciated, but just that the service structure of the town isn't really targeting the college population as effectively as perhaps it could. I'm real big on convenience, I guess.

So what are we supposed to do? Just live our lives, I suppose, and just keep being ourselves. And if the cop's name is Bredren, let him be a tough guy and don't say anything back. That's all. There's still plenty of fun to be had around here if you go to the right places. But in Fredericksburg, Virginia, it's not going to seek you out.

## Students Vote on Grading System

By Dave Wrubel  
Academic Affairs Chair of SGA

At the September fourth faculty meeting, the topic of adopting a plus-minus grading system was once again brought up for discussion. This is not a new concept at Mary Washington, for this is the second time in five years that such an idea has arisen. The faculty, however, have graciously given the students a chance to voice their opinions on this sensitive issue, and have delayed their final vote until October 2nd. It appears that many professors are eager to hear the input of the student body and will consider it when they vote.

Therefore, it is entirely possible that we have a significant part in determining the standards by which we are to be judged at MWC. Do we wish to continue to be graded on a straight scale of A through F, or do we want to incorporate A-, B+, B-, C+, C- and D+ into our system? On Wednesday, September 11th, all students will have the option of

voting in Senate elections. Accompanying that ballot will be a simple, one question poll relating to this issue. Please take the time to register your opinion, for the final decision about plus-minus grading could affect you whether or not you choose to answer.

On the back of the ballot will be space to leave comments. Many faculty are curious about the reasons for students' opinions and want to know the reasons for his or her belief. Please try to think about the effects it would have on every student at MWC.

Should the faculty approve this new system, many questions will need to be addressed before it can be implemented. Will students currently enrolled at MWC be affected? It might be that it will only apply to next year's first-year students and everyone who follows. On the other hand, it could be that beginning in the fall of 1997 everyone will be graded on this new system. It is best that we do not take our chances and ignore the issue, rather, it is our duty to make an educated decision for future MWC students.

## Letters to the Editor

### Drop/Add Period Creates Controversy for Students

The beginning of each semester is always full of many stressful events and anticipations of what is to come. For the student at Mary Washington College, this problem is severely worsened by the archaic system that students must engage in to add and/or drop classes. We all know that MWC is currently taking steps to catch up with other more modern universities. I have even heard a rumor that by the fall of 1998 we will have computerized registration. However, this does not solve the problem of the past fall registration

and the upcoming spring registration period. I can accept that it will take a little time to update the "traditional" registration methods in use, but why aren't measures being taken to make this process run more smoothly? Why, when people who arrived at 7:30 to get in line, did they end up being behind people who arrived at 10:30. While I was in line, my temper, as well as the tempers of those around me flared. There was absolutely no order to which people were assembled into lines. Simple measures can be taken by the MWC administration to alleviate confusion.

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# FEATURES

## New Dean Of Students Making Early Progress

By Jenine M. Zimmers  
Bulletin Features Editor

Many people rode motorized kegs around in circles behind George Washington Hall last Saturday. Yet one person chose to create a new path by taking the motorized kegs for a spin down campus walk. That person was Bernard Chirico, Mary Washington College's new dean of students.

Chirico's unique joyride is reflective of what he hopes to accomplish in his new position: change. His need to make alterations in the system is already apparent to the administration and faculty.

"When I walk into a meeting, everyone's waiting for the word 'change' to come out of my mouth," Chirico said.

Change has certainly been occurring since Chirico sacrificed his position as director of psychological services last May to replace Joanne Beck as dean of students. One immediate switch was Chirico's role involving Mary Washington students. Instead of working with students in a one-on-one environment, Chirico now has the chance to interact with students on a much

larger scale.

"Working in a capacity other than counseling is really a joy. I really like the idea that I can help to effect change in literally hundreds of students' lives at once," Chirico said.

The expanded opportunities that accompany his new position make the job even more exciting, Chirico said.

"I'm being asked to do things that I wouldn't have been asked before," Chirico said.

One new opportunity was being able to give the invocation at the recent honor convocation for new students. Chirico discussed the origin of the word invocation and revised a Native American prayer to make it appropriate for everyone.

"I wanted [the prayer] to be inclusive of everyone who was there," Chirico said.

Even though Chirico has only been in his new position for a short time, he is already making progress. Along with Rick Surita, the new director of residence life, Chirico has put a new policy called self-determination into effect. With self-determination, students will have more responsibility.

"Students are responsible for their lives and their behavior. That's the message we're trying to give," Chirico said.

This new responsibility offers several advantages to students, including the idea that upperclass students may now have overnight guests.

"I'd like to get away from the term '24/7.' It's too narrow," Chirico said. "I prefer the term 'overnight guests.' It implies that your room is the place where you live." It is up to roommates to decide for themselves when it is appropriate to have visitors, he said.

In addition to the progress he has already made, Chirico has more plans of change for the future. One focus in particular is revision of the current alcohol sanctions.

"I'm already working on making changes in the way we deal with alcohol education," Chirico said. Chirico hopes to make the alcohol classes that students attend after a violation more interactive and participatory. Students often do not learn simply from hearing the facts about the dangers of drinking, he said.

"If [lecturing] was enough, people would stop the behavior and drink in moderation, but that's not happening," Chirico said. "By getting involved, students will gain insight into their own behavior and that has a chance of doing some good in the long run," he said.

Overall Chirico hopes to make Mary Washington a more interactive campus. People need to work together in order to be productive, he said.

"I remember when I lived in Canada, there were poplar trees. All of the trees were living and growing separately. I see the campus in the same way. It's not going to work in the long run," Chirico said.

Chirico already has a positive reputation among the Mary Washington community. Christopher Kilmartin, associate professor of psychology, believes Chirico's background in psychology will benefit him in his new position.

"His best strength is that he is a great psychologist. When mental health problems come up, he'll know what to do," Kilmartin said.

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- Bernard Chirico,  
dean of students

Chirico's background in psychology is a thorough one. He earned his bachelor's degree, master's degree and doctorate in clinical psychology at Virginia Commonwealth University. Chirico then became a counseling center clinician at the University of Richmond. He later joined VCU as an adjunct professor. During his teaching career at VCU, Chirico had Kilmartin as a student in an abnormal psychology class.

Kilmartin remembers disagreeing with Chirico about how to treat different mental health problems while they were at VCU. When Kilmartin first applied for a faculty position at MWC, he was apprehensive about how Chirico would react because of the fact that the two had not always seen eye to eye in the past. But Chirico supported Kilmartin as a candidate for the job, Kilmartin said.

"He was able to disagree with me and respect me at the same time," Kilmartin said. Kilmartin and Chirico now find themselves agreeing on more mental health issues than they did before, he said.

Students speak highly of Chirico as well. Several seniors involved with the 1996 Summer Leadership Program enjoyed the opportunity to work with Chirico this past summer.

"Even though it must have been a really chaotic transition time for Dean Chirico, he still found the time to come to our events and get to know all of us," said senior Tamara Morse, a co-chair of the Summer Leadership Program.

"I felt he was one of the few administrators who really supported us," said senior Jamie Simpson, also a co-chair of the program. Senior Justine Schmollinger recognized Chirico's significant involvement as well. "I thought he was really down to earth and very helpful. He really took into consideration what the students wanted, and I think that's important for his position," Schmollinger said.

Chirico enjoyed getting to know and work with the summer leaders as well, he said.

"Working with the summer leaders was an exciting, vibrant time for me," he said.

Despite his frequent interaction with the Mary Washington community, Chirico still has time for personal interests. Since music is a passion of his, one may hear him singing or playing Celtic harp music in his office. At one time Chirico even sang in a band. Chirico described how speaking at the honor convocation brought back memories of his times with the band.

"I was awestruck by Dodd, the people there and the occasion. I had to flashback to performing [with the band]," Chirico said.

Chirico also enjoys biology and nature. He often stargazes with his family or builds fish tanks with his eight-year-old daughter and five-year-old son. His children are learning to take care of their own tropical fish, he said.

"I think I learn a lot from the experiences of nature. I have a real interest in biology. I've always enjoyed observing animals," Chirico said.

Whether it is helping his children build fish tanks, working with students or planning with administrators, Chirico is ready to start making changes that will benefit those around him.

"Certainly a focus I have is to make sure that everyone is an important member of our community," he said.



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New Dean of Students Bernard Chirico (right) with Administrative Assistant Judy Singleton.

## Seven MWC Students Trek Through South Africa For Summer Program

By Amy Lin  
Bulletin Assistant Features Editor

Seven Mary Washington College students spent three weeks of their summer break in South Africa as participants of a field study program offered jointly by MWC and the University of Vermont.

"Africa is a continent I've always wanted to visit, and this program offered me the perfect opportunity to go to South Africa," said senior Lydia Raffaeali, a geography major who took part in the program.

Donald N. Rallis, chairman and assistant professor of the geography department at MWC, and Glen Elder, assistant professor of geography at the University of Vermont, led the group of 16. Both program directors were both born and raised in South Africa.

The program, which lasted from

May 13 to June 2, is listed in the MWC catalog as Geography 360: Geographical Study Abroad.

According to Rallis, less than half of the MWC participants were geography majors.

"Although the credit for this course is in geography, the program is as much history, and anthropology and politics as it is geography. It's impossible to visit a country and say we're only going to study the geography of the place," Rallis said.

Sophomore Michelle Carson said she tried to talk to as many South Africans as she could. Most of them were surprised that the group had traveled so far to see the country and its people.

"I don't think they've ever had anybody show an interest in their history before," Carson said.

Rallis said that the basic purpose of the program was to experience

post-apartheid South Africa.

Apartheid is the "legally enforced political, social, and geographic segregation of South Africans by race," Rallis said.

According to Rallis, white supremacy began with the arrival of the Europeans in 1652, but actual enforcement of segregation lasted from 1948 to 1994.

Rallis said the group visited several places that showed the process of rebuilding taking place in a country that had been fragmented by apartheid.

Sophomore Melissa Mueller said visiting "District Six" was one of the most memorable experiences from the trip.

"[District Six] was where people of all different races and religions and everything lived in this one area of Cape Town, all together in harmony, and it was the only place that was

really like that, and the apartheid dragged them apart," Mueller said.

Mueller said that despite evidence of rebuilding, she could still see the homes that had been torn down or bulldozed to the ground.

According to Rallis, white South Africans are the minorities by percentage, but their political power and wealth enabled them to confine the black majority to cramped urban "townships" and rural "homelands." There is a huge housing shortage in these "black only" areas.

Rallis said that black South Africans comprise 80 or 85 percent of the population, but they have the use of only 13.7 percent of the land. Many live in makeshift communities of shacks called "squatter settlements."

According to Elder, the inhabitants of squatter settlements construct their homes from any materials they can find, like cardboard or corrugated iron. Along the coast, "wattle," a combination of mud and grass, is more common because shacks made of iron are prone to rust.

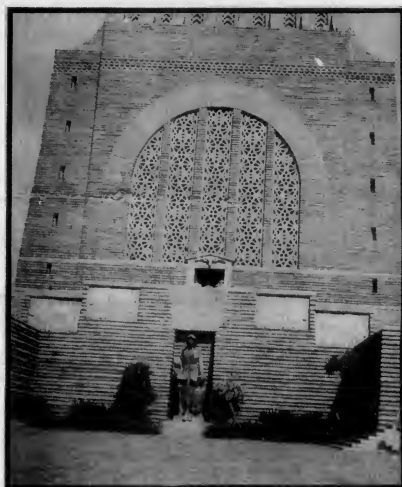
"You never encounter that level of poverty in the United States," Elder said.

The group also visited Soweto, an area set up for the black residents of Johannesburg during apartheid.

"It's a black area... where during the apartheid times people were breaking out of that. There's a great deal of violence and that kind of still hangs around there, but I didn't feel any real big hostility when I walked in there. ... People were very nice, they came up and talked to you," Carson said.

Rallis said that although segregation is no longer the law, it is still exists in much of South Africa.

Mueller said she met a white couple who had lived in South Africa all their lives. They were shocked when they heard she had gone to Soweto and could not understand her reasons for going there. They seemed afraid of the black area.



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A view of Voortrekker Monument in Pretoria, South Africa.

Mueller said she was generalizing, but she felt that many of the blacks she met were more inviting and open than the whites. She thought the difference might be due to the higher social standing of most white South Africans, an advantage given to them by apartheid.

By contrast, Raffaeali said she encountered a white woman in a bar who was so receptive to conversation that they talked for the whole night.

"She was flowing," Raffaeali said. Mueller said she noted the preference for European rather than traditional South African culture after she visited a woman's house in a township.

"We were spending all of our time buying all of these African culture, sort of like knickknacks, and they have all this European stuff, like crystal and porcelain, decorating their houses," Mueller said.

According to Rallis, the group also went to a "muti," or traditional herb and medicine shop, that featured items like the dried carcass of a

baboon.

Mueller said the muti "really smelled weird" and "had monkeys with ... their insides totally opened up." She added that there were people buying the products.

"It's like our pharmacy, you know," Mueller said.

The participants named the animals and game parks as favorite parts of the trip.

Carson recounted the adventure of "a very huge male baboon" that decided to jump on the hood of a car.

"The baboon was on their hood again, but this time, he came through the driver's side window and got into the car, got on the driver, ate the food, then jumped into the backseat and sat between two people and was eating food. They finally threw the food out, and he left," Carson said.

Carson said she did not know if the people in the car were frightened by the animal.

"I was in the van behind them so I

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Junior Beth Moss gets better acquainted with several South African children.



photo courtesy of Beth Moss

Trekkers Stephanie Beguin, Beth Moss, Lauren Ambrose, Lydia Raffaealli and Lorraine Affourtit (left to right).

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didn't get to see their faces, but everybody in my van thought those people were being killed," Carson said.

The MWC participants paid for three credits in addition to the cost of the trip. They were required to keep a daily log and submit a paper about their South African experience.

Two non-MWC students registered exclusively for the program, and seven came from the University of Vermont.

"A very welcome side benefit to the program is that students from here get to meet and spend time with students from other places," Rallis said.

Although Rallis has led two similar MWC field programs to

South Africa, this year's trip was the first to be made in conjunction with the University of Vermont.

Both Rallis and Elder said the joint effort was a success. They will direct the program again next summer.

Mueller said the trip had been a positive experience for her.

"It probably exceeded my expectations actually. I mean, none of us had any idea what to expect when we got there. ... If I'd taken a class for a whole semester, I don't think I would have learned as much as I probably learned ... in the three weeks," Mueller said.

# THUMBS...

a features column by the Bullet staff

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## Future MWC Applicants Will Face More Challenging Selection Process

By Chris Van Horn  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Life has just become more stressful for prospective Mary Washington students. As if worrying about acceptance into college is not enough pressure, the MWC admissions process has recently become more selective, placing Mary Washington in the top 10 percent of schools in the nation for its selectivity.

The 1995-96 freshman class was one of the largest ever at MWC. The current number of freshmen has decreased by approximately 30 students for a grand total of 736.

"This year we wanted to get more towards the target of 725, which allowed us to be more selective," said Martin Wilder, vice president for admissions and financial aid.

Mary Washington admitted only 55 percent of its applicants this year. The enrolled freshman class had an average high school grade point of 3.53 and SAT scores of 1180. Both averages are higher than the previous freshman class. The number of Advanced Placement credits was higher as well, Wilder said.

"MWC tends to focus on quality of applicants, while other schools are just trying to fill spots," he said.

At 34 percent, the number of students from states other than Virginia is also increasing. Forty-four students are from Maryland, 43 are from New York and 37 are from New Jersey. With out-of-state students being the minority, the admissions process becomes even more challenging.

"I thought it was a mistake that I got in here, I didn't think I got the grades," said freshman Susie Jackson, a student from Connecticut. "I hope that I can keep it up," she said.

Some freshmen did not even realize the difficulty of the admissions process. "I knew it was pretty good school, but I didn't know it was that good," said freshman Ryan Cassie from Maine.

The high selectivity makes some feel pressure concerning their ability to perform in an academic sense.

"I feel proud to be in this class, but it also makes me nervous about the

competition I will receive in my classes," said freshman Justin Camarda from Texas. Geoff Bradley, a freshman from Stafford, Virginia, said, "I didn't know that we were that high in the nation. I'm glad to be here but I feel I have a lot to live up to."

Many people do not consider Mary Washington to be an elite institution. Prior to knowing the statistics, one freshman felt as though Mary Washington was on the lower end of the scale.

"A lot of my friends are going to Brown, Johns Hopkins and other really good schools. They made fun of me for going here, and now I feel proud," said freshman Liza Dube, a student from New Hampshire.

The impressive statistics are intimidating to some, but not all. Matt Morgan, a freshman from Virginia Beach, said, "It's a honor to be here, but I'm not worried because if all the freshmen don't perform as well as they did in high school the high selectivity will mean nothing because people will not be living up to their potential."

Several upperclass students had the opportunity to interact with the freshman class during Welcome Week, from Aug. 22-25. The Mary Washington ambassadors provided freshmen with assistance during the orientation activities. The 1996 freshman class left an impression on several of the ambassadors.

"I noticed that this year's freshmen were more involved in the activities offered to them. They also seemed more personable and mature," said junior Karen Dimaira.

"Freshman classes in the past haven't always attended the Welcome Week activities. But this year's freshmen seemed to realize the importance of them," said junior Karen Pfau, also an ambassador.

Other freshmen were surprised that they were even accepted when informed of the high standards.

"I feel great. I worked so hard in high school, I didn't think it would pay off so much," said Amelia Hube, a freshman from North Carolina. Freshman Michael Clark agreed. "It is very rewarding to get into a school with such a high educational value," he said.

*"A lot of my friends are going to Brown, John Hopkins and other really good schools. They made fun of me for going here, and now I feel proud."*

- Liza Dube, freshman

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## SPORTS

## Sports Briefs

## Bullet Player of the Week

In the Women's Soccer team's season opener against Johns Hopkins University, freshman Johanna Klein made her presence felt in a hurry. Just seven minutes into her first collegiate contest, Klein scored the Eagles' first goal of the season. However, Klein was not finished. She also tallied an assist on the Eagles' second goal, with a feed to Michelle Beagan. The Eagles won the game, 2-0, with Klein playing a part in both scores. She then followed that performance with another goal Wednesday against Va. Wesleyan.

Honorable mentions include senior women's soccer player Robin Kozic and junior Hilary Clark, a member of the volleyball team.

## Recent Results

## Men's Soccer

(9/4)

E. Mennonite	0	1	0	1	2
Mary Washington	1	0	0	0	1

Mary Washington men's soccer suffered a tough 2-1 loss to Eastern Mennonite University on Wednesday. The loss occurred on a goal scored with five seconds remaining in overtime. Scoring for the Eagles in the second period was Dan Guarriello.

## Women's Soccer

(8/31)

Mary Washington	2	0	2
Johns Hopkins	0	0	0

Goals: Johanna Klein (1),  
Michelle Beagan (1).  
Assists: Klein (1),  
Robin Kozic (1).  
Goalie: Jen Koster (1-0), 5 saves  
Shots: MWC 30, Johns Hopkins 8

(9/4)

Mary Washington	1	1	2
Va. Wesleyan	0	0	0

Goals: Klein (2),  
Kozic (1).  
Assists: Beagan (1).  
Goalie: Koster (2-0), 5 saves.

## Women's Volleyball

(8/31)

Christopher Newport	15	15	15
Mary Washington	11	9	3

Stars: Lisa Skaggs (8 kills, 3 blocks, 3 aces)  
Hilary Clark (4 aces, 17 assists,  
12 digs)

## Upcoming Events . . .

## Women's Soccer

Sept. 7-8: Univ. of Rochester Tournament  
Sept. 7 vs. Denison University  
Sept. 8 vs. Championship/Consolation  
Sept. 11 vs. Goucher College  
at the Battleground, 4:30 p.m.

## Men's Soccer

Sept. 7-8: Salisbury St. University Tournament  
Sept. 7 vs. Maryville College  
Sept. 8 vs. Johns Hopkins University  
Sept. 11 at Roanoke College, 4 p.m.

## Field Hockey

Sept. 7 vs. Cortland  
at Messiah College, 3 p.m.  
Sept. 11 at Johns Hopkins University, 4:30

## Fall Baseball

Sept. 21 vs. Prince George's C.C. (DH)  
at the Battleground, noon

## Women's Tennis

Sept. 13-15: St. Mary's College Tournament

## Women's Volleyball

Sept. 11 vs. Gallaudet University  
at Goolrick Gym, 6 p.m.

## Cross Country

Sept. 14 at U.Va. Invitational, 10:30 a.m.

## Women's Rugby

Sept. 14 at U.S. Naval Academy

## Soccer Kicks Into High Gear

## Men Seek Sixth Consecutive Title

By Jason Schultz  
Bulletin Staff Writer

The 1996 men's soccer team has the potential to be dominant in the present and in the future. To do either they will need to overcome the losses of some past stars and cultivate some new talent.

The team will be led in the new season by a core of veterans, that will be smaller than usual, but who have worked hard in Coach Roy Gordon's program for many years. This group, which includes co-captains senior Jim Hummel and junior Craig Gillan, are the keys to earning Coach Gordon his sixth straight Capital Athletic Conference title. The team has only lost one conference game in six years, and has no intention of changing that tradition.

The veterans are being asked to do more than is normally asked of players this year because of several changes in the team. The loss of experience due to graduation and academic restrictions that affects every team hit the Eagles hard this off-season. In particular, the graduation of second-team All-American sweeper Jeff Kramer left a hole in the Eagle defense that will not easily be filled.

This lack of a large number of veterans has led Coach Gordon to shuffle parts of the team. Several players have been placed in unfamiliar roles, such as Gillan and sophomore Kevin Linton who were both moved to back. The need for additional shuffling of the roster and adaptation has prevented the team from gelling as a unit yet in the minds of both the players and Coach Gordon.

Team cohesion is the issue that most concerns those involved with this team. The Eagles ball control style of offense



The Eagles lost a hard-fought game on Wednesday to Eastern Mennonite, 2-1 in Double Overtime. However, hopes remain high.

requires good passing and communication in order to hold possession of the ball until scoring chances open up.

"How fast we pull together as a team will determine how good we are this year," senior midfielder Brad Kroll said.

The Eagles tough schedule will require a strong performance from this team in every game. They play all four regional teams that made the NCAA tournament ahead of them. That includes a Saturday, Sept. 7, game against Marysville, who just edged the Eagles out of the NCAA's last season.

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## New Season for Field Hockey, Same Goals

By Eric Gaffen  
Bulletin Sports Editor

In four of the past six years, the Mary Washington field hockey team has received a bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament, reaching the final in 1993, and regularly finishing the season in the top 10 rankings. Expectations rise every year and the question of when Mary Washington will compete for the national championship evolve into when Mary Washington will capture the title. Talk about pressure for the eleven incoming freshman that have made the 1996 squad. After losing eight starting seniors last season, ending perhaps the greatest four-year run in MWC field hockey history, this new influx of talent is being thrown into the fire.

Coach Dana Hall is optimistic though, and maintains that this is her strongest freshman class in a long time. Many of the upperclassmen agree.

"This year, we are 25 players deep," Hall said. "Everyone on the team will contribute to the success of our season."

Returning to the team from last year's squad is a strong senior class, including leading scorer and Second Team All-South Region forward Danielle Oleson. Charlotte Cockrell, Amy Walters, Gina Pisoni and Wendy Baylor will make up the balance of the senior line-up. The seniors' greatest asset to the team this year will be the leadership that they demonstrate to their teammates through vocal enthusiasm

and encouragement. Junior Angie Saulsbury, and Academic All-American last year, will return to the midfield to help fill gaps left by last year's Capital Athletic Conference Player of the Year Carin Gsellman.

Also missing from the starting line-up this year are the exceptional goalkeeping skills of Stephanie Lowe, who owns practically all of Mary Washington's goalie records. Replacing the Second-Team CAC player in goal are two players, sophomore Carrie Williams and freshman Heather Carter. Both will be competing for playing time, and will have to step up their game immediately if Hall's top ten aspirations are to meet again this year.

Hall has always made it clear to her incoming players what the stakes of being a Mary Washington College Field Hockey player are, and this year is no different. Talking to the freshman class, as well as the rest of the team, she pledged to them that if they play hard and stay together over their four years here at MWC, then they will have the chance to play for the national championship.

Hall admits the difficulty in attaining the desired level of cohesiveness this early in the season.

"We have a totally new lineup this year, one that includes a wide range of new roles from incoming freshman to seniors stepping into new positions. There's no nucleus of players like last year's four-year seniors who

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Field Hockey hopes to come together and continue its winning ways.

## Women Look for Big Things in '96

By Josh VanDyck  
Bulletin Sports Editor

Mary Washington women's soccer began the season in strong fashion Saturday, defeating Johns Hopkins 2-0 on the road.

The Eagles were led by freshman Johanna Klein, with a goal and an assist, and seniors Robin Kozic (1 assist) and Michele Beagan (1 goal).

From an outside perspective, this already looks like the makings of a dream season for the team. A quality nucleus of talent returns, and the sky definitely appears to be the limit.

Coming off an 11-4-1 season in which they won their fourth CAC title in five years, the team entered this season ranked No. 8 in the nation and is now thinking, just maybe, of that magical goal: the national title.

"We feel that we can play extremely well against any team we face and we expect to make the NCAA Tournament. We're not a fluke," senior All-CAC fullback Meagan Beagan said.

Especially not in the midfield, undoubtedly the strength of the team. This group is led by seniors Kim Hrabowsky and Kozic, the captains of the team.

Last season, Hrabowsky earned All-CAC and All-Region honors, while Kozic led the team with seven assists and gained second team All-CAC status.

Beagan anchors a veteran defense that allowed a CAC-low 0.60 goals-per-game last season. Returning junior starters Felicity Smith and Adrienne Snedeker join Beagan as defensive stoppers at fullback, while junior Jen Koster returns between the pipes as goalkeeper.

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## Zak Billmeier &amp; Brian Schumacher

Biting the proverbial bullet this week:

## 1. Tiger Woods

The hype has been amazing. For years, Tiger Woods has been the class of the junior and amateur golf ranks, winning most of the time and heavily favored wherever he played. He did what no one had ever done before when he won his first straight U.S. Amateur title a few weeks back, and with Nike officials trailing him the entire way. Blessed with a quiet demeanor, a winner's smile and a fluid golf swing, Tiger has become golf's hottest commodity.

His contract with Nike was reported at \$40 million over eight years. Tidebit will give him three million. Other corporations will undoubtedly follow suit. He still has to earn his tour card by clearing \$125,000 in winnings this year (that's the change rattling in his pocket), but he'll still be able to put food on his table if he doesn't.

The amazing thing is how well Woods responded to all the attention surrounding his arrival last weekend. Tiger made the cut easily and finished at 7-under, a score normally good enough to place somewhere higher than he did. The only problem was that the Greater Milwaukee Open is played on what must be one of the easiest courses on tour. Whenever Loren Roberts, Jasper Parnevick and Nolan Henke are fighting for the lead at around twenty under, something is fishy. The puds always seem to win tournaments like that.

Anyway, Woods made quite an impression, holing his tee shot on fourteen Sunday and rebounding from his third-round 73 during a solid final round. Nicklaus and Palmer missed the cut in their respective first two tournaments, and we all know what those two have done for the game of golf. The Gun wishes you luck, Tiger.

## 2. Michael Irvin's Nosebleed

Okay, so we're kicking a dead horse here, but why not? Irvin, as all Gun readers and literate Americans know, has been suspended by the NFL for the first five games of this season for cocaine possession. Hell, he wears #88 (that's for "double 8-ball"). There is evidence that Irvin and some of his coke buddies ran the "White House," a haven for all kinds of heads, including many current or former Cowboys. The Gun hasn't seen the White House, but we're sure that there's probably lots of televisions, dart boards, mirrored coffee tables, video games and people there all the time. Plus, visitors can huff lines with Irvin and friends like Leon Lett, Steve Howe, Dwight Gooden, Darryl Strawberry, Ron Wood of the Rolling Stones, Morton Downey Jr., and other luminaries. Enjoy your vacation, Michael!

## 3. Mike Tyson

Iron Mike may become the Iron Sheik. Tyson has announced his intentions to make the Hajj, or pilgrimage to Mecca, sometime

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in the next two years. If the Gun were truly Muslim, not just conveniently so like Tyson and many others, then we believe that Mike's arrival to the promised land may be more a sign of disrespect than true religious faith. Of course, the flip side is that he's really turning his life around. We'll see what happens. History does tend to repeat itself, though.

## 4. The Pittsburgh Steelers

Oh, how the mighty have fallen. Gravity, a force which normally affects all falling bodies with equal strength, has switched to double strength over the Steel City. First it was the steel industry, and if you want to know about that, sign up for East-Angle or look it up or something.

The other thing is Pittsburgh's reigning AFC champion Steelers. The men who wear black and gold and tore up the conference last season have fallen like the first angel from their place on high to their current position, one which will surely put them down with the Arizona's and Tampa Bays of the NFL.

A simple way to break this down is that too many star players are unable to play or are playing somewhere else. The leader of last year's team, Neil O'Donnell, has sold his soul to the New York Jets. Kevin Greene did the same to the Carolina Panthers. Ray Seals is out for the season with a torn rotator cuff. Bam Morris is hanging out at Michael Irvin's house. New quarterback Jim Miller is a moron. Rod Woodson can't move well enough to play cornerback. Greg Lloyd is done for the year, and now the same could be said for the Steelers.

As these negatives pile up, the Steelers' opening-day drubbing at the hands of the Jacksonville Jaguars seems logical. Our advice to Pittsburgh fans is (and this can go for the Pirates also): stock up on Iron City beer - you'll have little to celebrate

other than your own beautiful drunkenness and whatever Kordell Stewart can do. Hang in there and soak up your tears with those yellow towels.

## 5. John Franco

He got his bad self ejected from Shea Stadium on John Franco Day. Baseball the way it oughta be.

## 6. Juwan Howard

For about as long as we can remember, Washington Bullets fans have cried like schoolchildren about how bad their luck is. They'd shed tears over Chris Webber's glass shoulder or the fact that all their draft picks in the late '80's and early '90's were out of the league in the blink of an eye (Remember LaBradford Smith, anyone? Of course not!)

Well, the Gun doesn't want to hear another word. Any bad karma the Bullets seemed to have was reversed ten fold this summer as the Once and Future Bullet (or Wizard, or whatever the hell they're calling themselves now) returned to D.C.

Let's recap the events of this summer (or at least try): The Bullets season ends (the team missed the playoffs for something like the 78th season in a row) and Juwan becomes a free agent. Owner Abe Pollin declares he'll spend whatever money it takes to re-sign Howard and fires team General Manager John Nash (Nash, of course is the guy who had turned the Team Formerly Known as the Bullets from the joke of the NBA into a somewhat respectable franchise).

Nash was fired because he had held rather bitter negotiations with Howard when the Bullets first signed him coming out of college, and Pollin wanted to show Howard that he would do anything to bring

him back. So, Pollin hires Wes Unseld to take Nash's place. This was something like firing Albert Einstein as your personal Physics tutor in order to hire Sylvester Stallone.

Then, what does Juwan do? He jets to Miami anyway. But wait, there's more. According to the suits over in the NBA office, Miami Heat coach, G.M., and Deity, Pat Riley bent the league's salary cap rules in order to sign Juwan. The NBA ruled Juwan a free agent all over again, and this time, the Bullets were not to be outdone. So... after all the turmoil and cloak-and-dagger intrigue, Juwan is still a Bullet (just about 100 million dollars richer).

But keep watching, rumor has it Riley may claim that Juwan is his common law spouse and file a paternity suit.

## 7. Washington Redskins

Sure the Redskins may have been absolutely dominated in their 17-14 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday, but they left the game knowing that they have a guy on the roster who is a sure-fire all-star and will carry the team all season. Terry Allen? Nope. Gus Frerotte? Please. No, we're talking about punter Matt Turk. And why not? Lord knows he'll get enough practice this year. Most teams would let a talent like Turk go to waste by only punting a few times each game. Not the Washington Redskins. In fact, Turk touched the ball more often than all the 'Skins wide receivers combined. That's not sarcasm-that's a fact.

The Redskins often looked about as powerful as a crapped out Pinto. So, all you 'Skins fans that were dreaming of making the playoffs can just keep your eyes closed and pretend. The Redskins don't have a freshman's chance in one of Palmieri's classes of making the playoffs. Not with Gus. Not with Heath. Not with Jesus Christ Almighty.

## B.S. (Bullet Staff) Sports Polls

## Baseball

1. Atlanta (66)
2. Cleveland (63)
3. NY Yankees (43)
4. Texas (32)
5. Baltimore (32)
6. Los Angeles (26)
7. Chi. White Sox (22)
8. Boston (20)
9. Montreal (19)
10. Seattle (18)

## Pro Football

1. Green Bay (66)
2. San Francisco (63)
3. Dallas (56)
4. Kansas City (39)
5. Philadelphia (37)
6. Buffalo (27)
7. Chicago (26)
8. Indianapolis (15)
9. Pittsburgh (14)
10. Miami (10)

## NCAA Football

1. Nebraska (53)
2. Tennessee (52)
3. Florida (48)
4. Florida St. (46)
5. Colorado (39)
6. Penn St. (16)
7. Michigan (15)
8. USC (14)
9. Notre Dame (13)
10. Texas (11)

## Top 10 Rejected Olympic Events

1. Monster Truck Pull
2. Beer Bong Decathlon
3. Kill Bob Costas
4. Bomb Making
5. Gimp Tossing
6. Jello Wrestling
7. Naked Twister
8. Fight to the Death
9. Demolition Derby
10. Speed Quarters

This week's contributors to the B.S. Poll were: Zak Billmeier (Editor-in-chief), Brian Schumacher (Editor), Eric Gaffen (Asst. Editor), Josh VanDyck (Asst. Editor), and special Guest Pollsters Sully, and the Coach. One other poll was submitted anonymously. DNA tests pending.

Honorable mentions for the top 10 rejected Olympic events include: Rhythmic Gymnastics (oops! That is an Olympic sport), Golf, Miniature Golf, Frisbee Golf, 100-meter dash from a pack of wild dogs, Doggy Paddle, Drowning in a pool of your own vomit after drinking a bottle of 100 proof SoCo.

Next week the polls will be baseball, pro football, and college football. Fourth category TBA.

Would you like to be a B.S. pollster? If so, just talk to Zak or Brian on campus (we probably won't bite, or anything), or call the Sports Desk at 654-1133.

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Koster, another second team All-CAC selection last season, will be looking to improve on her brilliant sophomore season, in which she tied a school record with 10 shutouts and posted an outstanding .905 save percentage.

The team's only question marks will be on offense, where the loss of three-time CAC Player of the Year Stephanie Teter and All-CAC performer Alissa Magrum to graduation will hurt. Head Coach Kurt Glaeser isn't particularly worried, however.

"We're solid up front, and actually have more depth offensively than we did last year," he said.

Attempting to fill the void left by Teter and Magrum's departure will be junior Jaime Kwiatkowski, who netted seven goals last year, and highly touted freshman Klein.

Though the team only features three seniors, Glaeser isn't worried about the lack of experience on the roster.

"We do have a nucleus of players who have been involved in tight games before, and they know how to win with the pressure on."

"We have a lot of juniors, and they are just as experienced as the seniors are, so I don't think leadership will be a problem. Kozic said."

One player, fullback Began, thinks that this lack of seniors on the roster has actually helped the team in some ways.

"The younger players aren't intimidated by us," she said. "We're together on and off the field, and I think that will make us a better team."

The schedule looks fierce, but the team is ready. In a changeover from recent seasons, the early games will be against weaker opponents, building up to the tougher games.

"I think that the schedule will definitely help us," said Kozic. "It will enable us to gradually improve as the season goes on."

That improvement is going to be a must, as seven recent NCAA tournament qualifiers loom on the horizon. Despite the challenges of a tough schedule down the stretch, and the loss of some key performers from last season, the Eagles are trying to stay loose. In the words of Kozic, "This is my last year playing soccer, and I just want to have a lot of fun."

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had already possessed that level of teamwork, talent and commitment. That's something that has to be developed and maintained in order to be a top ten team. That is the only difference between last year's team and this year's, but once it develops, this team will be potent."

The Eagles first game of the season at Roanoke College was postponed on Tuesday due to flooding conditions in Roanoke, but will be made-up on Thursday. After that game the Eagles will travel to Messiah College to play SUNY-Cortland, another perennial top 10 team, and a nemesis of MWC. SUNY-Cortland is the team that relegated MWC to second-best in the nation status after defeating the Eagles in the 1993 championship here at the Battleground.

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CAC title again and to make an impact in the NCAA tournament. Junior Ben Phelps was even willing to go on record and guarantee another CAC title. Coach Gordon declined to make any such prediction.

The players know how critical it is to have the best record in the conference and to win the tournament. The NCAA selection committee never takes more than one team from the CAC and rarely takes more than four teams from the region.

Several key things need to happen for the Eagle's potential to be realized.

Besides the veterans adapting to their roles, several of the new players must step up right away. This includes freshman midfielder Brendan Madigan and sophomore Jordy Kleiman, who transferred from American University. They must have

a positive impact right away and fill the team's remaining holes.

Second, the men have to beat the teams that matter. This means national tournament contenders like Greensboro, Marysville, Salisbury State, and Methodist College. Without wins against the key teams, Coach Gordon says, they will again be on the bubble when it comes time for NCAA selection.

In particular, one opponent that sticks in the minds of MWC soccer players is Virginia Wesleyan College. The Eagles want, if nothing else, to beat Wesleyan.

"The last few years they've had our number. It's time we turned that little scenario around," Kroll said.

Finally, it is essential for a few of the veterans to step and be vocal leaders. This team is very deep with

talent- Phelps calls them the deepest team he's been on in terms of talent- but they lack experience. Somebody will have to step up and vocally show the younger players the way.

Ultimately, all the players trust in the coach's plan. Coach Gordon says he will take time for a team as young as this to come together. The players know this as well, but they have expressed their willingness to take on any and all roles the coach deems necessary to pull the team together.

Kroll says that the coach has done everything to put this team in the best position possible for getting into the tournament. Now it is up to them to go out and perform for ninety minutes in each and every game.

## BIRTH CONTROL CLINIC CONTINUES

The Birth Control Clinic offered by the Student Health Center is continuing this semester. The clinic is open to those women who wish to start a prescription method of contraception and are not already using a contraceptive prescribed by another clinic or private physician.

Women who have been seen in the Student Health Center Birth Control Clinic before are also eligible to continue using this service.

All first time participants must attend one of the Birth Control Education Classes presented by the AIDS/STD Peer Educators prior to making an appointment. Call the Wellness Office at extension 1620 for information or to register for a class.

Students will be seen in the Birth Control Clinic by appointment only. Appointments must be made in person at the Student Health Center week days between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. There is an annual non-refundable charge of \$35.00, payable at the time an appointment is made.

The clinics are held every Tuesday morning from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Find Neutral Ground at the Underground

By Matthew Lorenz  
Bulletin Staff Writer

On their way down campus walk, students come to a halt in front of Lee Hall (the one with the flags to you newcomers), and looking down the dark cellar stairs at its center, wonder, "What is that, anyway? What is that place all about?" Here's the answer: It's the Underground, the campus coffee house.

And what a multi-faceted establishment it is. To be found there are students consuming mass quantities of caffeine, filling ash trays while relaxing with friends, studying, or just listening to music.

The coffeehouse is described by Underground co-manager, senior Sarah Fry, as "an alternative to going out downtown and doing the whole bar scene." Fry goes on to explain that, "the coffeehouse is good because it gives [the students] a chance to come in and study, and not have to be in the library or Trinkle." Despite all this, however, it's best to keep in mind that as a crowd of "regulars" begins to develop throughout the semester, the work efficiency rate will decrease, while the frequency and length of conversation won't (The place really starts to hop at 10 p.m.).

The Underground is typified by nothing at all, and perhaps that is its greatest attribute. There is no normal pursuit with which the students occupy themselves while they hang out there, and a simple glance around is an affirmation of that. Of course, the most often observed activity is an intimate conversation between friends, while bent over a few lens-fogging cups of French vanilla or hazelnut coffee. But it's not out of the ordinary also to see a table surrounded by a group of cigar-mouthed poker faces, a game of chess, a study group, or someone just sitting back, cross-legged, absorbing the atmosphere; an atmosphere that must be called unique if not extraordinary.

To fully grasp this atmosphere one must witness first hand the somewhat random decor of the establishment. It is a break from the norm from start to finish, beginning with the neon pink men's room and royal blue ladies' room (a protest against the authority figures who dressed us as infants?) and ending with the disassembled loft resting against the wall near the stage. Actually, the management has kindly requested its removal, and the owner should be forewarned that the chalkboard listing prices also announces it as for sale: "LOFT \$15 OBO" (or best offer). When asked about the interesting decorating techniques which the Underground employs, coffeehouse co-manager, senior Mathias Svalina, explained that much of it was picked up in thrift shops and that, "Whenever people have some sort of event here, they'll leave something..." Yet, these leftover objects often inadvertently add to the unique atmosphere.

And then there is the music, consisting largely of a series of jazzy tenor sax and trumpet pieces. While not confined to that type of music, no beat could better serve as the background for such a place, and the people at Giant Productions are kind enough to set up the stereo system every night the coffeehouse is open.

The live music, which will begin in the next few weeks, demands the greatest attention. The performers for the semester will be selected from the upcoming open mic night (the date of which has not been set), so be sure to keep your eye out for this event. All are invited to perform, and everyone is certainly welcome to watch these performances.

Aside from music, the Underground will also sponsor poetry readings



and other events, such as last semester's appearance of performance artist Holly Hughes. Featured as one of the focal points of Women's History Month at the college, Hughes dramatized the hardships and difficulties presented to homosexuals by today's society, and her performance was nothing short of spectacular.

The poetry readings, which occur fairly frequently at MWC, are well worth attending, if not for the love of poetry or the spoken word, but for the fact that here are all these people, standing upon a stage, expressing emotions which they never thought they would utter to a close friend, let alone through a microphone to a crowd full of strangers. It is far from easy, if not impossible for most people to do this, so why not stop in, buy a \$ .75 cup of coffee, and listen for a while? Perhaps you'll be jealous of their courage and ability, and as you walk up the two flights of stairs and look out over Ball Circle, you'll resolve to do something similar; perhaps you'll hear them speak of feelings you have felt, of convictions you have held, and you'll have a new friend that you've never met; perhaps you will feel nothing special, and all you'll lose is some of the time of which you have so much.

Open Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6 p.m. until midnight, the Underground is a place to hang out with friends or to meet, grab a cup of coffee and head off with them; a place to relax and get away from books or to go and concentrate upon them. It seems that the Underground's only apparent objective is to assist us in achieving our own, so why not take advantage of it?

If you have any questions about the Underground you can contact Sarah or Mathias at 654-1708.

Senior Scott Wise and junior John Snellgrove wrestle over a friendly game of chess at the Underground Tuesday evening.



Terry Lam, a junior, enjoys a cup of the Underground's coffee while hitting the books.

Photos by Karen Pearlman

## Maxi Priest is the Man With the Fun

By Ryan A. MacMichael  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Maxi Priest is an artist that has received mixed reactions among the reggae and pop communities. Fans of root reggae have been turned off because of his mainstream appeal and occasional hindrance of overproduction. On the other hand, white pop America has embraced him a little more readily because his music is more accessible than traditional Jamaican artists.

However, no matter what one's view of Maxi Priest is, his new release "Man With The Fun" proves one thing beyond the shadow of a doubt: this kind names his albums carefully.

The first single, "That Girl," features Grammy winning DJ Shaggy (of "Oh Carolina" and "Boombastic" fame) and pulls in some of the most addicting and ear grabbing samples of the last year. The song is blowing up on the dance scene and promotional 12" have been sent out to many club DJs, offering them urban and house remixes. The cut in it's original form works wonderfully - Maxi's powerful upper-register vocals are complimented well by Shaggy's growling, seductive style, one that is deep enough to fit in with DJs like Buju Banton, but unique enough to be an identifying mark of this young artist. Shaggy's recent collaboration with Beres Hammond had potential, but "That Girl" gives both artists a fair shot at the limelight and should be checked off as a big plus for mainstream reggae.

The upbeat, positive flavor continues on the title track and "Watching the World Go By." Strong roots-style lyrics are combined with gospel/R&B production resulting in a decent combination. True, fans of Prince F or Burning Spear may not dig this album very much, but it is going to help bring reggae to a whole new audience.

Which brings me to a short offshoot - should an artist put out albums with more pop appeal for the greater good of the music? Or should they not even worry about the general audience and make music that appeals to a core audience? Inner Circle faced this problem. They had been making roots albums for fifteen years before "COPS" used "Bad Boys" as their theme song.

### Album Review



The group ended up releasing "Bad Boys," the album, which was a huge hit internationally, and most notably in the States. However, most of the cuts were main-streamed versions of songs they had done four or five years earlier. Good move or sell out? Hard to say.

In any event, the rest of Maxi Priest's album has some more killer tracks. Among them are "Heartbreak Lover," featuring crooner Beres Hammond and Cookie Monster sounding DJ Buju Banton, "Love Will Cross Over," and "Happy Days," featuring Chaka Demus and Pliers (of "Murder She Wrote" fame). He also takes a minimalist approach (production-wise) on "All Kinds of People" that ends up working out for the best.

However, "Man With The Fun" does flop in a couple of areas. Whether you approve of Maxi Priest's mainstream sound or would rather do without it, there is no doubt that occasionally he steps over the line and goes a little

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## Prophecies of a CD for MWC Band Witchhunt

By Ed Egec  
Special to The Bulletin

If you picked up a copy of Witchhunt's new CD, "Prophecies of a Great Plague," you might expect the band members to resemble the red winged, horned devils on he cover, but in reality, MWC student, Brian Straight, the lead guitarist is the kind of guy who would bring his grandmother her favorite kind of toothbrush.

If you ask sophomore Brian Straight to describe his band, "Witchhunt" and their in your face style of music, he responds quickly, "Death metal is simply the most extremely abrasive and technically complex form of music."

This band, who cites a wide variety of influences including Motley Crue, Cannibal Corpse and Nirvana, is confirming their place on the worldwide death metal scene.

Witchhunt was formed about four years ago, featuring Brian on guitar and vocals and his younger brother, Ben, on drums. Then one day in 1994, Brian received a call from Key Largo, Florida. On the other end of the line was Erik Sayenga, who would soon be moving to the Fredericksburg area. Erik would serve temporarily as Witchhunt's bassist. This changed when Ben moved away and Seth Newton took over on bass, which allowed Erik to focus on his true forte, drumming.

Well-known around campus, Witchhunt has been previously featured by The Bulletin, and has appeared in the Eagle's Nest and on Bushnell's spring concert. Receiving international acclaim for their talents, the three musicians have appeared in magazines in thirty-two countries. Their first widely released CD, "Prophecies of a Great Plague," was recorded earlier this spring and with the help of Stage 3 Promotions, is now available for purchase in ten countries.

Since the recording of this five-track CD, Witchhunt has undergone some changes. (Besides, of course, Brian shaving his head.) After years of vocalizing death metal, Brian has lost this responsibility. The responsibility of performing the vocals now lies with new member Paul

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## WMWC Top Ten List

Place	Album	Artist
1	"Odelay"	Beck
2	"It's Martini Time"	Reverend Horton Heat
3	"Trainspotting"	Soundtrack
4	"Junky"	Union Deposit Road
5	"Jawbox"	Jawbox
6	"Paranormalized"	Six Finger Satellite
7	"The Crow"	Soundtrack
8	"Irresistible Bliss"	Soul Coughing
9	"Sweet Relief"	Various Artists
10	"Beautiful Freaks"	Eels

The Top Ten List is compiled by the Music Dept. of WMWC and determined by the amount of airplay an album receives by the DJs of the station. Questions? Please call the Bulletin at x1133 or WMWC at x1152.

## Local Music Scene

George Street Grill  
Friday, Big Dixie

Sante Fe Grill and Saloon  
Thursday, Wolfepatrik

The Depot  
Thursday, The Seymores  
Friday, Valentine Smith  
Saturday, Breakfast

## Coming Attractions...

Thursday, September 5: Opening of "Champions of Modernism, 5:00 p.m. Ridderhof Martin Gallery and duPont Gallery

Friday, September 6: Movie, "Toy Story," \$1, 10:00 p.m. Dodd Auditorium

Saturday, September 7: Movie, "Toy Story," \$1, 10:00 p.m. Dodd Auditorium

Sunday, September 8: Tom Deluca, \$1, 7:30 p.m. Dodd Auditorium

Friday, September 13: Spacehog, \$4 students, \$8 non-students. 8:30 p.m. Dodd Auditorium





"Enemy Soil because they played at a Christian teen club and I got to see their heretical performance." - Matt Carpenter, junior.



"A tie between Pulp and The Make-up because Jarbis Cocker (of Pulp) smelled my fluorescent orange bouquet that I threw up on stage and The Make-up because they are awesome, innovative, and have cool outfits." - Caroline Weaver, senior.



"Parliament Funkadelick because I grew up listening to them and it was great to see them back on tour. And Patti Lapone with the National Symphony at the Kennedy Center." - Cedric Rucker, Dean of Student Activities.

## What was the best concert you went to this summer?

Photos and interview conducted by Karen Pearlman

"Smokin' Grooves tour because it was an inspiration to see different groups uniting in harmony- it was like "We Are the World." -Chandra Kennett, sophomore.



"Violent Society with The Ick at Scarlett's in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, because it had a lot of energy." -Adam Berenbak, freshman.



"Rocket From the Crypt because they had silver lamae bowling shirts, really played to the crowd and I'm sure they'll soon be listed in Sassy's cute band alert." -Scott Wise, senior.



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Witchhunt continues to attempt to bring in new listeners by not limiting their focus and by incorporating techniques from other styles of music, such as some jazz drumming. "The crowds at our shows are getting more diverse," explains Straight, "we want to appeal to more people."

Copies of Witchunt's new CD are available by writing to Witchunt, PO Box 3011, Fredericksburg, VA 22402. The cost is \$10.

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too pop for comfort. His mediocre cover of the Police's "Message In a Bottle" is a prime example. While not heartbreakingly awful, the space could have been better used than on this somewhat slushy version. Perhaps the worst occurs on "Golden Teardrops," an R&B mush track that would put L.L. Cool J's last two singles to shame. While his vocals are consistent throughout, the production is so blah it hurts. Ditto, though not to the same degree on, "Won't Let It Slip Away" (though it sounds like he did).

All snide remarks about the pop tunes aside, there's no doubt that Maxi Priest loves what he's doing, and it really shows on quite a few of the tracks on this album. Whether 10 out of 15 is good enough for John Q. Listener (John Q. Rasta?) is up to them, but in this critic's eyes, "Man With The Fun" is another step towards more worldwide respect for the culturally rich music we call reggae.

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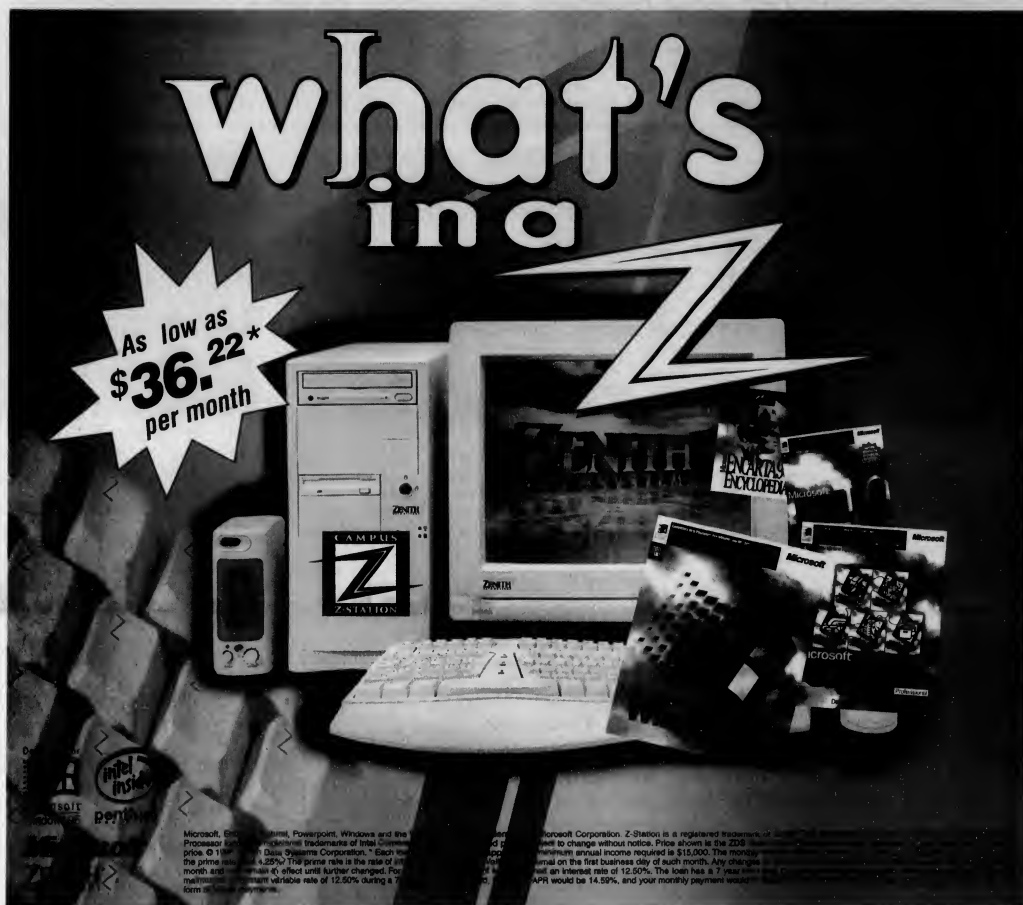
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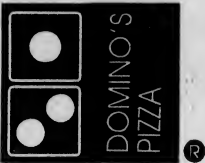
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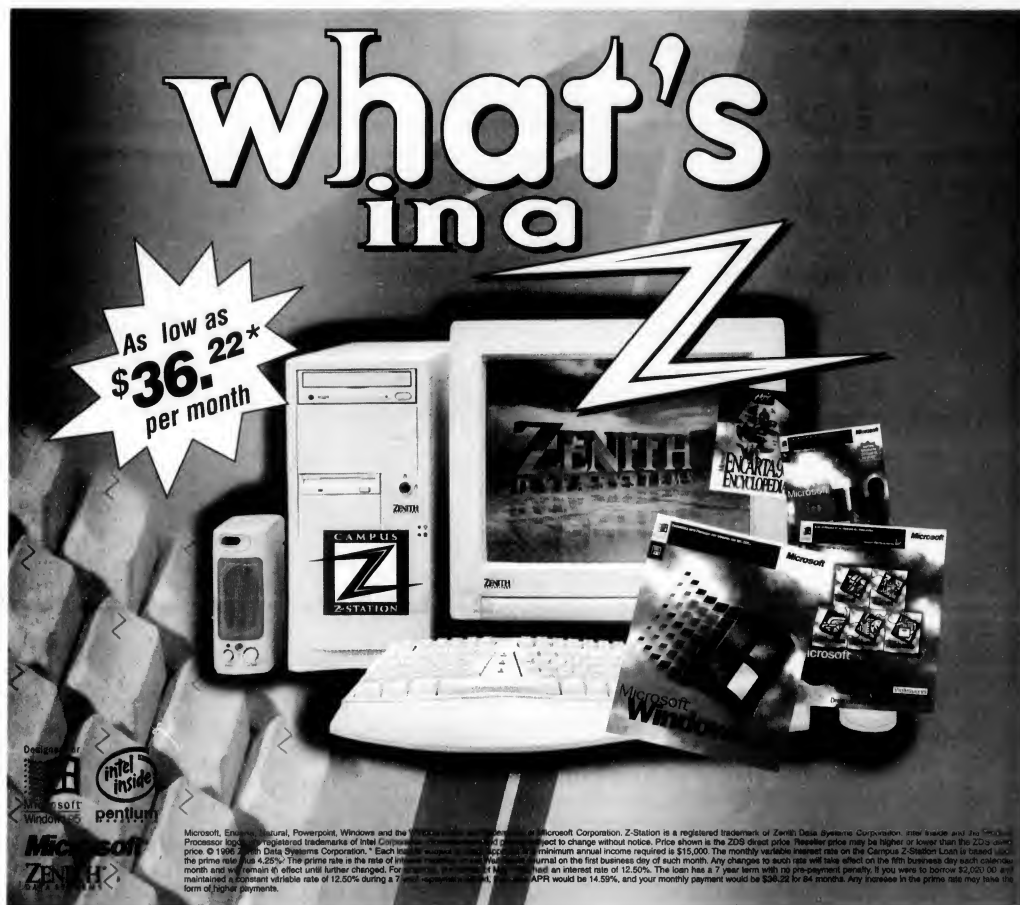
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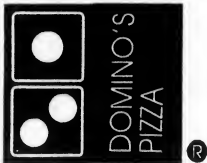
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# Biker Cops Bust Out on Mary Washington Campus

By Allison Eneidy  
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They appear to be nothing out of the ordinary and are most effective at night. They have speed, stealth, and two wheels. They are the Mary Washington College Police bicycle patrol.

The bicycle patrol, a new program this year, is headed by Sergeant Steve Simmons and currently has five members. The members are MWC police who have been trained and have committed to spending at least four hours of their patrol shift on their bicycle. The officers are assigned both day and nighttime shifts.

"During the day, the officers are great public relations tools," said Simmons. "People are much more likely to come up and talk to an officer on a bike rather than one sitting in a squad car. But at night, the officers have a lot of stealth and that is when they are probably the most effective."

According to Simmons, one of his officers made an arrest for selling drugs on campus where the bicycle patrol officer rode up and stopped

next to the suspect making the deal before the suspect realized he had just been approached by the police.

"The person looked at the officer approaching and thought it was just someone riding by on a bike. It didn't cross this person's mind that they were about to be caught," said Simmons. "When people are in a situation where they know the police may be coming around they are usually looking for highly visible squad cars. They see those and start yelling 'S-O' to spread the word. With a bike, you can ride up in the middle of something before people know you're there."

Each of the five officers taking part in the program was trained and certified at the International Police Mountain Biking School. During the intensive one week training session, the officers rode over 100 miles and were taught skills such as riding up and down stairs, how to chase and take down someone using a bicycle, self-defense with the bike, and how to fire a weapon from the bicycle.

According to Simmons, the officers also did some on-site training on the MWC campus before

students returned for the fall semester. "If we had to, we could chase someone up the stairs and through a building. That is something a patrol car could obviously never do and it is much faster than an officer on foot. We can go just about anywhere and if you have to you can just put the bike on your shoulder and run with it."

According to Simmons, the only real drawbacks to the bicycle patrol are that they are not as effective in bad weather and that they cannot chase a vehicle. However, as Simmons points out, this does not mean they cannot pull over a vehicle violating a traffic law.

"I witnessed a guy running a red light and I rode up behind him and turned on the blue light and signaled him to pull over. He couldn't believe it, he told me he didn't know whether he should stop or not."

Simmons said that today the public is generally more aware of cyclists; and therefore, the patrol is much safer than it would have been years ago.

The idea of a bicycle patrol is rooted in the movement toward

community policing that became popular approximately five years ago. According to Simmons, the idea behind community policing was to have police go into potentially problem neighborhoods and make themselves highly visible and approachable. Two or three officers would go into a neighborhood every day and simply talk to people. The program began in Norfolk, Virginia, in areas known to have drug problems. Eventually, the people began patrolling themselves.

Simmons, who has been a police officer for 15 years, admits to being skeptical of the program when he was first assigned to it.

"I started my career in Richmond and coming from that I had a certain mindset. I thought to myself, 'What is this community policing stuff?' When I was assigned to this program, I didn't want to go through the training or anything. I don't think I had been on a bike since I got my drivers' license," said Simmons. "But from what I have seen and experienced, it is an awesome tool. I am really

amazed by it and glad to have the program here."

Simmons said he was unaware of bicycle patrols at other state-supported schools in Virginia.

The bicycle patrol covers the Mary Washington campus and the surrounding areas of upper and lower College Heights. The city of Fredericksburg also has a bicycle patrol and the MWC bikers have had situations in which they were called to back up the city patrol.

"The best back-up for a bike cop is another bike cop. I have sent our officers as far as downtown to act as back-up," said Simmons. "The chances are that wherever that officer is who needs help, it is going to be easiest for another bike to get there rather than a vehicle."

Simmons noted that the police department did not want to stress the importance of bikes over squad cars, since some areas of campus are more quickly reached by squad car.

Because of low manpower, the department currently assigns two officers to each patrol shift. There are hopes to expand the numbers to four or five as more officers volunteer for this

type of duty. All department officers are required to spend at least four hours of their 12-hour shift on foot or bike patrol. Simmons said that most of the bike cops spend at least 6 to 8 riding.

The officers are also using bicycles which were abandoned on campus and subsequently never claimed. Instead of the customary practice of auctioning the cycles off at the end of the year, they were refurbished as police mountain bikes. A bike specifically made for police work costs an average of \$800.

According to senior Jackie Curry, "I'm not intimidated by the bike cops at all and I know some people make fun of them. But I am glad to see the police being really visible to the students."

Simmons says he is aware that students underestimate what the bicycle patrol is trained for and capable of doing.

"If I had to choose," he said, "I would run from a car and I would run from an officer on foot and you might have a chance of getting away. But I would never run from a bike cop."

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opposed to walking home at night," said senior Leigh Ann Werkmeister. Public transportation will provide more mobility to the elderly, the disabled and people who don't own cars.

Dawn Whitman, a citizen of Fredericksburg on the transit advisory board, suggested a public transit system to former Mayor Davies last year, because she is an epileptic who can't drive. According to Whitman, Davies was involved in the process of applying for a grant.

"Cab fare is \$6 minimal round trip to the Food Lion. I don't have that kind of money," said Whitman. At a public forum held by the transit advisory board on July 16, citizens focused on how rates will be set.

"Some want a higher cost, some want lower and some want to ride for free," Martin said.

Mary Washington students may ride for free with their student ID's, according to Warlick.

"(This is) one of the advantages of partnership," Warlick said. According to Martin this has not been approved.

"Some think the only way (the system) could work would be to give everyone a free ride. We all left the public forum with great satisfaction. We feel that most of the public is supporting us," said Fred Sisk, a Fredericksburg citizen on the transit advisory board.

Local support through partnerships helped finance the transit system. The city of Fredericksburg sought local partners after receiving \$200,000 through a state grant, according to Martin.

## Mo' Money for Students at Virginia Credit Union

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The Virginia Credit Union, now operating in Woodard Campus Center, offers benefits to their student customers while incorporating students into the management structure of the business.

In negotiations last year to bring Virginia Credit Union (VACU) to Mary Washington, several conditions were established. One of these included hiring only Mary Washington students to run the branch.

This stipulation offers hands-on experience for student managers and interns at VACU. There are currently two paid managing positions held by seniors Zack Ward and Bridget Stinger. Volunteer interns, or "member service representatives," also work for VACU receiving three graded credit hours for their service. All students are invited to apply for any of the positions offered at the branch.

"Every semester we'll probably have new member service representatives. Almost all of them are sophomores and juniors, and have the opportunity to apply for the manager position," said Stinger. Junior Julie Garner, who is a member service representative this semester enjoys her internship.

"It's great that we're the first to be a part of this. This is a whole new learning experience; I hope to learn a lot from it," said Garner.

Besides being student-run, VACU provides money-saving benefits including a student Visa credit card with no annual fees and a low 13.96% fixed interest rate. Only five dollars is needed in savings to open the account, and the first box of checks is free. Other benefits include low interest on loans and high dividends on savings.

"I'm so impressed with the credit union; I can't find anything wrong with it. You think everything has a catch, but this doesn't; that's because credit unions are not out to make money. Any money they make, they put right back in the credit union," said Stinger.

Response from student customers to the new credit union has been extremely positive. Since July, nearly 738 new members have signed up as customers of VACU.

"I think it's a nice idea to have

on campus. It's a lot more convenient than having to walk off campus to go to the bank," said Junior Karen Dimaria.

Interest in bringing a credit union to Mary Washington originally stemmed from former SGA president Heather Mullens, according to Stinger.

"She [Mullens] was looking at the fact that the campus doesn't have any banking services except for the ATM machine. And so she suggested a credit union come to Mary Washington," said Stinger.

As a result, the Mary Washington College Credit Union Advisory Board was formed.

"They [the board] started calling credit unions to see if they were interested in starting a branch at Mary Washington. They were really interested in Virginia Credit Union because we were already eligible to be members," said Stinger.

Eligibility requires that "you are connected in some way to their field of membership. VACU wanted to start marketing for college students, and we wanted a branch to be opened. It worked out perfectly for both of us."

VACU membership has only been opened up recently to college students. In the past, state employees were solely eligible for membership.

Besides student managerial positions, a second condition before opening was that the branch be run without cash transactions. This was decided for security reasons and because the ATM machine is already available to students for quick-cash.

For students who are members of another bank but want to open an account with VACU, transferring funds is not very difficult, according to Stinger.

"All you have to do is call your bank and get them to issue you a cashier check to close your account, or you don't even have to close your account. If you have an account at home and you want to keep it, just leave it open; you can have more than one bank account," said Stinger.

The overall outcome of bringing VACU to Mary Washington is a positive one, according to Stinger.

"Mary Washington can make this happen; the students will make this happen. I think the greatest thing about Virginia Credit Union is that this isn't just some bank coming in and being here for us—these are students and we're going to be the ones that are going to impact this credit union and make it go. I think it's real important that students know that we've been behind this, and we're going to be the ones to change and expand it," said Stinger.

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Lunch ..... 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	
<b>The Green Room</b>	<b>The North Room</b>
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<b>Friday</b>	Dinner ..... 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
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<b>Saturday</b>	Breakfast ..... 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
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Dinner ..... 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Brunch ..... 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
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Brunch ..... 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	
Dinner ..... 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	<b>Sunday</b>
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